

REMARKS

Applicants received a Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application mailed May 11, 2001, stating that FIGURE 8 had been omitted from the application filed on December 29, 2000. Applicants confirm that FIGURE 8 was not filed with the original application, but assert that all matter regarding FIGURE 8 was fully and completely described in the section of the specification referring to omitted FIGURE 8. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of the attached Preliminary Amendment and maintenance of the original filing date of December 29, 2000 for all matter in this application.

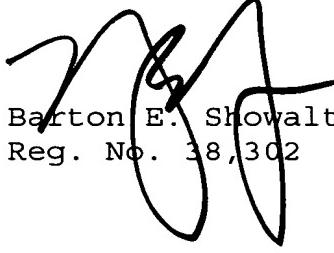
Applicants inadvertently omitted FIGURE 8 in the original filing of this application on December 29, 2000. However, the specification of the filed application refers in detail to the flowchart of FIGURE 8 from page 34, line 29 through page 37, line 9. Specifically, all content, terms, logic flow, reference numerals, and all other matter illustrated in FIGURE 8 are fully and completely described in the originally filed application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request amendment of this application to include FIGURE 8 while maintaining the original filing date of December 29, 2000.

Conclusions

Early and favorable acceptance of this application is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that no fees are due, however, if it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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